



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
107 Park Headquarters Road
Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738



September 2006

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your inquiry about a Special Use Permit to conduct a wedding or related activity in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Effective September 1, 2006, a Special Use Permit is required for all weddings, wedding receptions and wedding photography conducted in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, pursuant to National Park Service Management Policies and 36 CFR 2.50.

We suggest you first review the enclosed Wedding Guidelines. They provide a thorough overview of what is required to obtain a Special Use Permit and what activities are, and are not, permitted.

Please complete the attached Application for Special Use Permit and return it to the address on the reverse of the application. ***Be sure to include all relevant information*** – missing information will preclude or significantly delay processing of the application.

In the event your request is denied you will be provided written notice of that action. Otherwise, a permit will be prepared and returned for your signature.

Beginning October 1, 2006, your application must be accompanied by a *non-refundable* application fee in the amount of \$50. The fee may be paid either by check or money order made payable to the National Park Service.

If you have questions, please call (865) 436-1266 relative to events in Tennessee or (828) 497-1930 relative to events in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

/s/Robert W. Wightman
Staff Park Ranger

Enclosures

